

**OPINION 2369 (Case 3604)*****Helix (Helicogena) aspersa insolida* Monterosato, 1892 (currently *Erctella insolida*; Gastropoda, Pulmonata, HELICIDAE): species-group name conserved**

**Abstract.** Under the plenary power the Commission has conserved the species-group name *Helix (Helicogena) aspersa insolida* Monterosato, 1892 (currently *Erctella insolida*; Gastropoda, Pulmonata, HELICIDAE) by suppressing *Helix (Campylaea) insolida* Brusina, 1876 and *Helix (Campylaea) insolida* Pfeiffer & Clessin, 1881.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; HELICIDAE; *Chilostoma insolita*; *Erctella insolida*; pulmonates; land snails; NW Sicily; Balkans.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the following species-group names are suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy:
  - (a) *insolida* Brusina, 1876, as published in the binomen *Helix insolida*;
  - (b) *insolida* Pfeiffer & Clessin, 1881, as published in the binomen *Helix insolida*.
- (2) The name *insolida* Monterosato, 1892, as published in the combination *Helix (Helicogena) aspersa* var. *insolida*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *insolida* Brusina, 1876, as published in the binomen *Helix insolida* and as suppressed in (1)(a) above;
  - (b) *insolida* Pfeiffer & Clessin, 1881, as published in the binomen *Helix insolida* and as suppressed in (1)(b) above.

**History of Case 3604**

An application to conserve the subspecific name *Helix (Helicogena) aspersa insolida* Monterosato, 1892 (currently *Erctella insolida*; Gastropoda, Pulmonata, HELICIDAE; endemic to NW Sicily), was received from Fabio Liberto (*Cefalù (Palermo), Italy*) and Ignazio Sparacio (*Palermo, Italy*) on 12 August 2012. After correspondence the Case was published in BZN 70: 160–165 (September 2013). The title, abstract and keywords of the Case were published on the Commission's website. No comments were received on this Case. The Case was sent for vote on 1 June 2015. A greater than two-thirds majority of Commissioners voted FOR the Case (19 For, 1 Against).

**Decision of the Commission**

At the close of the voting period on 1 September 2015 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 19: Alonso-Zarazaga, Ballerio, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Kojima, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Pape, Rosenberg, Štys, van Tol, Winston, Yanega and Zhou.

Negative votes – 1: Kottelat.

Fautin, Ng, Patterson, Pyle and Zhang were on leave of absence.

Voting FOR, Grygier said that the title of the Case ended with ‘conservation of the specific name’, and line 2 of the abstract similarly read, ‘conserve the specific name’. He pointed out that under Article 5.1 and the Glossary, the ‘specific name’ is the second part of a scientific name, i.e. ‘*aspersa*’ as the name was first proposed, but *aspersa* is not the subject of this Case. The actual subject is ‘*insolida*’, which was originally proposed as a ‘subspecific name’ (cf. Article 5.2). It indeed appeared as a specific name as well as a subspecific name in the title, but not in the abstract.

### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on either an Official List or Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*insolida*, *Helix* (*Helicogena*) *aspersa*, Monterosato, 1892, *Atti della Reale Accademia di Scienze Lettere e Belle Arti di Palermo*, **2**: 26.

*insolida*, *Helix*, Brusina, 1876, *Bullettino della Società malacologica Italiana*, **2**: 54.

*insolida*, *Helix*, Pfeiffer & Clessin, 1881, *Nomenclator heliceorum viventium quo continentur nomina omnium hujus familiae generum et specierum hodie cognitarum, disposita ex affinitate naturali*, Fischer, Cassellis, p. 145, n. 2928.